

^7IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO.11295 OF 2011

SRI MARTHANDA VARMA (D) THROUGH  
LR. & ANR. ... APPELLANT(S)

VS.

STATE OF KERALA & ORS. ... RESPONDENT(S)

WITH WP(C)Nos.518/2011 & SLP(C)No.12361/2011

O R D E R

1. Mr. Jaideep Gupta, learned senior counsel, representing the State of Kerala informs us, that the State Government has sanctioned a project on 18.03.2017, whereby, on its implementation, drainage, sewerage and construction debris will not enter the premises of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple and the two tanks associated therewith. We are informed, that the estimated cost for the project, if the same were to be outsourced, comes to the tune of Rs.28 lakhs (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs only).

2. Given the importance of the issue, we hereby direct the Kerala Water Authority to undertake the project on its own, without outsourcing it. Accordingly, it will not be essential for the Kerala Water Authority to notify the tenders. To ensure that the contemplated project is completed before the ensuing monsoon, we consider it just and appropriate to direct the Kerala Water Authority to

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commence works forthwith and to ensure the completion thereof by 15 th May, 2017.

3. Fortnightly reports on the progress of the work will be submitted by the Kerala Water Authority to Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, learned Senior Counsel, (Amicus Curiae). It shall be open to the learned Amicus Curiae to move an appropriate application before this Court, in case the work is not progressing towards its completion by the deadline indicated hereinabove.

4. We also consider it just and appropriate to pass orders for the restoration of the Sreekovil of the Padmanabhaswamy Temple (Sree Padmanabhaswamy, Sree Ugra Narasimhamurthy and Thirumbadi Sreekrishna Swamy and other shrines if required, Kadusharkara Moolabhimbam of Sree Ananthapadmanabhaswamy, Sreedevi, Bhudevi and Sree Vishwakshena as also the two tanks (Padmateertham and Mitranandapuram tanks) associated with it besides the roof/rafters of the sanctum sanctorum of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Sree Narasimhamurthy and the flagmast of the Sree Krishna Swamy Temple.

5. For the above purpose, the Administrative Committee constituted by this Court (of which the Thantri too is a member) shall invite expressions of interest from experts in heritage restoration work having expertise in Kadusharkara. The Administrative Committee shall invite offers for the three works separately, even though they may eventually be granted to the same person. An appropriate

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notice for the above purpose shall be issued by the Administrative Committee within one week from today, inviting offers within two weeks thereafter. The Administrative Committee shall compile the offers and place the same for consideration of this Court.

6. Post for hearing on 18 th April, 2017.

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[JAGDISH SINGH KHEHAR]

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The matters are directed to be listed on 18 th

April,  
2017, in terms of the signed order.

(Sarita Purohit)

Court Master

(Signed order is placed on the file)

(Renuka Sadana )

Assistant Registrar

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